REMARKS

Reopening the prosecution for, and consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. An RCE accompanies this Amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 submitted to the USPTO on 10/10/2001, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Applicant hereby submits an updated version of the IDS originally submitted on 10/27/2006 as required by the Examiner.

Claims 1-11 were pending. Claims 1-11 stand rejected.

Claim 1 has been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicants submit that the amendments do not add new matter.

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. In view of the amendment of claim 1, this Amendment presents claims substantially different from those presented on Appeal.

Applicants have amended paragraphs [0002] to insert the issued patent number.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0035] to correct a citation error.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0053] to insert the issued patent number.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0062] to insert the issued patent number.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0063] to correct the incorrect provisional patent application number and insert the issued patent number.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0071] to insert the patent application number.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0077] to supply the title of the provisional patent application and its corresponding non-provisional patent application title and number.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not add new matter.

Applicants reserve all rights with respect to the applicability of the Doctrine of

Equivalents.

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S.

Patent No. 6,415,323 B1 to McCanne ("McCanne '323") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,187 to

Shanumgam ("Shanumgam").

Amended claim 1 reads as follows:

> A method, comprising:
> directing a client's request for an information object to an information
> object repository without regard as to whether the information object is actually
> stored at the information object repository, wherein the directing includes
> mapping an address of a client to the information object repository by executing a
> Web Information Locator by Distance (WILD) protocol; and
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> determining, according to information included in a uniform resource
> locator (URL) whether the client is authorized to receive the information object.

(emphasis added)

McCanne'323 discloses proximity-based redirection system. More specifically,

McCanne2 '323 discloses the following:

> At some point in time, client 950 attempts to receive the information
> content 928. The client 950 sends an anycast request 952 into network 902 where
> the request 952 is received by the ARN 908. The ARN 908 may redirect the
> client 950 to one of the local service nodes (912, 914), however, the DB 910
> associated with ARN 908 shows that the local service nodes may not be able to
> provide the requested services to client 950. The ARN 908 is able to used the
> information DB 910 to determine which service node would be most appropriate
> to handle the request from client 950. The selected service node is not limited to
> those in the local network with the ARN 908. Any service node over the wide
> area may be selected.
> The ARN 908 determines that service node 942 should service the request
> from client 950. The ARN 908 sends a redirection message 960 to the client 950,
> and thereby redirects the client to the service node 942. The client 950 sends the
> request to the service node 942 using a transport layer protocol like TCP, as
> shown at 962. The service node 942 responds by providing the client with the
> requested information content as shown at 964.

(McCanne'323, col. 19, lines 27-39)(emphasis added)

Thus, McCanne2 '323 discloses redirecting the client to the service node based on the information in the database. In contrast, amended claim 1 refers to directing a client's request for an information object to an information object repository without regard as to whether the information object is actually stored at the information object repository, wherein the directing includes mapping an address of a client to the information object repository by executing a Web Information Locator by Distance (WILD) protocol.

Shanumgam, in contrast, discloses a method for selective database synchronization (Abstract), and also fails to disclose such limitations of amended claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the references cited by the Examiner teach or suggest a combination with each other. It would be impermissible hindsight, based on applicants' own disclosure, to combine these references.

Furthermore, even if the method of database synchronization of Shanumgam were incorporated into the redirection system of McCanne2 '323, such a combination would still lack directing a client's request for an information object to an information object repository without regard as to whether the information object is actually stored at the information object repository, wherein the directing includes mapping an address of a client to the information object repository by executing a Web Information Locator by Distance (WILD) protocol, as recited in amended claim 1.

Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over McCanne2 '323 in view of Shanumgam.

Given that claims 2-11 depend from amended claim 1, and add additional limitations, applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-11 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over McCanne '323 in view of Shanumgam.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome.

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